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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 23: remove the second paragraph and insert therefor:

Other signals are involved in mitochondrial targeting (for example the N-terminal part of rat ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) allows the targeting of mitochondria) or in homing onto the